

Interviews

Agenda Item #	7
Meeting Date	May 10, 2004
Prepared By	Catherine Waters City Clerk / Treasurer
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Discussion Item	Free Burma Committee - Susanne Lowen
Background	<p>In October 1996, the City Council adopted Ordinance #1996-33 which established a policy for the City (1) prohibiting contracts for personal services with those who do business in or with Burma and (2) prohibiting the purchase of commodities produced in Burma or provided by those who do business in or with Burma. The Ordinance also established the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee to oversee the implementation of and adherence to the Ordinance. The Ordinance has been suspended due to the Supreme Court decision. However, the Free Burma Committee continues to function in an advisory capacity to the City Council.</p> <p>The Free Burma Committee is defined as having 7 members, whose two-year terms are staggered. At least one Committee member should be of Burmese origin. Terms begin on April 1 and end on March 31. Currently, there are three members whose terms expired on March 31. Of these, Susanne Lowen has expressed interest in reappointment. Staff has been unable to contact Raju Charles and Katharine Redford to assess their interest in reappointment. In addition, there are three vacancies, and one member (Joan Hall) whose term will expire in 2005.</p> <p>Vacancies have been advertised in the City Newsletter.</p>
Policy	Council conducts interviews prior to appointments/reappointments to statutory committees.
Fiscal Impact	None.
Attachments	Committee roster Expression of interest
Recommendation	Interview and consider applicant for appointment.
Special Consideration	

TAKOMA PARK FREE BURMA COMMITTEE
(2-year terms)

(5/03/04)

NAME	ADDRESS/PHONE	TERM EXPIRES
Raju Charles	7902 Cole Avenue	3/31/04
Susanne Lowen	7002 Sycamore Avenue	3/31/04
Katharine Redford	21 Sherman Avenue	3/31/04
Joan Hall	711 Erie Avenue	3/31/05
VACANT		3/31/05
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